

The Tropico Sentinel

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TROPICO, CALIFORNIA, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1913

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Iris Brand. These are extra large stalks, tender all the way down.

No. 2½ tins, per can 25c

Tips for Salads

No. 1 Round tin, 2 cans for 25c

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Paris Brand—Tender and sweet, per can 15c, per doz. \$1.65

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The very finest Columbia River catch—is the R. E. D. Brand—

No. 1 Flat Tins, per can 25c

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Tuna in Olive Oil—very fine for Salad—

No. 1, per can 25c

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HOT CROSS BUNS

For Good Friday, March 20th, we will have Hot Cross Buns especially made, Old English Style; per doz. 15c

Your order should be in Thursday.

PASTRY

Jevne's Pastry is in a class by itself—we are selling more each week. Place your order with us the day before. Next Friday order a

Jevne's Special Cake, 30c

EGGS

Local Fresh Ranch Eggs. We are getting the output of the best Poultry raisers of Tropico. Per dozen 25c

BUTTER

Danish Creamery. This famous Butter, that has taken every Gold Medal in California, is made in the Fresno district, by an association of Danish People. It is the same every day in the year.

FRUITS IN TINS

Our Glass Jar Brand or Red Hussar Brand are Extra Fancy California Fruit. Packed in heavy syrup. Per can, 25c; 2 cans, 45c

PINEAPPLE

The canned Hawaiian Pineapple is now being used in every home. The Iris Brand is the very best—

No. 3 tin 25c

No. 2 tin 20c, 2 for 35c

No. 1 tin 15c, 2 for 25c

POTATOES

Salinas Lompoc, medium size. Cook up white and mealy.

12½ lbs. for \$25

100 lbs. for 1.65

Northern Burbanks—Elegant cookers.

16 lbs. for .25

100 lbs. for 1.10

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Sunday

Tuesday

and Friday

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Take one tablespoonful of Booth's Better Blend Coffee to each cup of cold water, bring it to a boil and serve piping hot. You will have one of the finest cups of Coffee you ever tasted. 30c, 35c, 40c and 45c per pound.

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HEADLINERS AGAIN

Mexico Still Refuses to Take Second Place

THE POT IS BOILING

Along The Sides And It May Bubble Over at Any Time; Scene All Set For A Great Climax.

Again Mexico is crowding back into the front pages of the dailies. Press dispatches, so far this week indicate that practically all the principal border towns, or ports of entry, along the Arizona-New Mexico-Texas border have fallen into the hands of the Maderistas, or constitutionalists as they now call themselves. Nogales, Naco and Agua Prieta along the Arizona border, Los Palomas, the only port of entry that New Mexico has; Ojinaga opposite Presidio, Texas, and Ciudad Porfirio Diaz opposite Eagle Pass, have all been taken by the anti-Huerta faction. While at this hour—Monday evening—a battle is reported as being in progress at Nueva Laredo, and poor old battle-scarred Juarez is surrounded by Salazar's army. Governor Colquitt has called out the Texas militia and given them instructions that if a Mexican bullet falls in El Paso to cross the international line and stop the fight. United States troops are being rushed to El Paso to prevent the Texas militia from carrying out Governor Colquitt's orders.

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This in brief seems to be the present summary of conditions in Northern Mexico.

What will the end be? As a Mexican would say, quien sabe.

If reports be true the stage is set at El Paso for a dramatic climax. Salazar, who is reported as being ready to attack Juarez, is the chief of ruffians; a Mexican mountaineer cowman, without even a semblance of respectability. 'Twas he and his gang who drove the peaceful Mormon colonists from their homes in Colonia Dublan, Juarez and Diaz last fall. He is the man who in an impassioned speech to his band of ragamuffins referred to President Taft as a "fat toad," insulted the American flag, reviled Americans, and asked what more could he do to make the "cowardly gringos" fight.

The people of El Paso have suffered by the deprivations and turbulence of the Mexicans until they are fast approaching a condition of desperation. Men, women and children have been shot down on the city's principal thoroughfares; business has been stagnated, and old and honored concerns financially ruined. You can prod the best natured man in the world with even a pin, until he grows desperate.

Governor Colquitt has red blood in his veins. He knows the inconveniences, indignities and annoyances that the people along the border have patiently submitted to for the last two years, and he knows that the end of their patience has about been reached. It is reported that the United States regulars have instructions to prevent the Texas militia from crossing into Mexico. These instructions can easily be enforced, provided Mexican bullets are kept off Texas soil, but if one bullet should hit an El Pasoan at this time, there would be such an uprising of righteous indignation that would sweep away any force the regular army could bring into action.

But, thanks be to the wisdom of an aroused people, we now have at Washington men and not Wall Street sycophants, and there are hopes that the situation will be met in a statesmanlike way. In the mean time what about Huerta and Felix Diaz?

Huerta is an incompetent, a traitor, a paper made hero, a boozie fighter, and of himself offers no possible solution.

What machinations put him in the presidential chair, I know not, but I do know that if left to himself his reign would be short and he would soon follow the well-meaning but misguided Madero.

But there is hope in Felix Diaz!

Conditions are changing too swiftly and the pawns are being moved too rapidly for one to keep up with Mexico at this time, and to venture an intelligent opinion.

Felix Diaz leaped into general prominence when he rebelled against Madero last fall in Vera Cruz. That rebellion was short-

lived, for Diaz was betrayed by General Beltram.

Felix Diaz is a nephew of Mexico's grand old man, Don Porfirio, and comes of the Indian stock of which Don Porfirio is a full-blood—the Chihuahuas.

Under the Porfirio regime Felix was promoted from position to position until he became chief of police for the City of Mexico, which position he held for years before Madero, seizing the psychological moment, overthrew the Diaz government. The post of chief of police meant in those days, far more than is usually supposed. It meant that Felix was at the head of the police power of a nation; that the authority wielded by him was practically military in its scope and thoroughness.

It means that he was intrusted by President Diaz with the most delicate missions, that he possessed the confidence of the chief executive to the fullest degree, had access to him at any hour of the day or night when he might deem it proper to confer with him.

Yet, with all this power in his hands, Felix Diaz contrived to keep his personality in the background. His was one of those natures which lean to deeds, not words. For this it was that when he flung himself into the limelight last fall as the head of a rebellion which apparently aimed to restore General Porfirio Diaz, or at least all that he stood for. So many people who had read reams about Don Porfirio himself, about Corral and Creel and Limantour, about Madero and Reyes and others.

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LET EVERYBODY COME

Meeting of Much Importance Will Be Held

SATURDAY EVENING

At the School House For The Purpose of Discussing Presenting School Matters. Be Sure to Come.

At the regular meeting of the Tropico Civic Club Tuesday evening, a number of things came up for discussion and quite a lot of preliminary work was done.

The committee on Parks stated that they were not ready to report and asked for more time which was granted.

Mr. Dwight Griswold, with the betterment of the schools ever in his mind, gave an interesting talk on the conditions as now existing in the schools, and stated that it was the desire of the School Trustees that a mass meeting be held at the school house Saturday evening to consider what action should be taken to provide more adequate facilities. Tropico has grown beyond its present school equipment and steps must be taken to meet the growing demand, which is becoming more acute each year.

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ado in search for wealth, and soon gained an entrance into the field of labor, such as he represented, and which his studies prepared him for. The state was new and engineering work was in great demand, so he was soon in the arena of toil, and helping to conquer mountains, span the streams with bridges, and open the way for traffic in that region of the Rockies. He was one of the engineers that put the Rock Island line of railroad through that state, and engineered the construction of the famed Busk-Ivanhoe Tunnel, at the Hagerman Pass. His work called him far afield, and he thus became quite a traveler, visiting many of our own states, Mexico, Canada and South America.

In 1895 he came to California,

called here by the memory of a young teacher he had known and loved in Colorado, but who had preceded him to the land of sun-

shine; and in that year he was married in Los Angeles, by Rev. W. A. Knighton, to Miss Catherine Adelaide Hickman. In 1897 they located in Tropico, on Park avenue, which has been their permanent home.

Mr. Imler and his wife were

socially inclined, and of genial natures, and they soon built a home where hospitality ruled,

and they were soon surrounded by a coterie of friends that became near and dear to them, and who were always welcomed beneath their roof-tree.

About four years ago Mr. Imler thought he saw a great and

financial future in Imperial Valley, and purchased holdings and began the cultivation of alfalfa

THE TRUSTEE'S MEETING

A Petition to Open A New Street Presented to Board

JUST ROUTINE WORK

Will Meet Again on Thursday Evening, but Adjourn Until Friday Evening to Canvass Election Returns.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees last Thursday evening was rather a quiet one, there being practically nothing but routine matters to consider.

A petition to open a 50-foot street from the easterly line of Glendale avenue to the southerly prolongation of the west line of Adams street, and also to open Adams street on a continuation of the present street lines from Acacia avenue to the easterly prolongation of Moore avenue, and that Moore avenue be extended along the present lines to an intersection with the southerly prolongation of the easterly line of Adams street, was presented to the Board.

The petition was referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report.

The following accounts were allowed and the City Clerk instructed to draw warrants for same.

The Neiner Company \$1.75

J. W. Gould 3.00

Rey Rhodes 7.50

W. G. Buckley 7.50

H. Rhodes 1

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Contributions from readers are always welcome and very
much appreciated.

Don't forget to vote on the bond question.

If you fail to vote and the election goes contrary
to your wishes don't kick any one but yourself.

There may be other places more pleasant to live
than the San Fernando Valley but if so such places
are not known to man.

That Park question may be slow in incubating
but some of these days it will develop into a full
grown "bird of a question" and demand attention.

Some criticisms have been made of the Sentinel's
position and objections voiced as to its advocacy of
a Park, but that does not alter the fact that Parks
are big assets to any city. It is true Los Angeles
has Griffith Park and several other Parks, but are
you going to send your children to these Parks for
a day's recreation? Have you the time and the
means of taking the little ones to these Parks?

Perhaps you are one of those people, who, because
you stand still yourself, fairly imagine that the
world stands still; that because we have plenty of
play ground now that we will always have it. Don't
fool yourself into such a belief. Play ground room
in and around Tropico will be at a big premium
within a few years and if not now provided for,
will be secured later at a big price. People come
to Tropico to stay and they are coming in still
greater numbers and most of the people have and
are going to have children and what are you going
to do with these children, coop them up in back
yards like your chickens or let them run the streets
like stray dogs? Let's have a Park.

PURIFYING JOURNALISM.

A commendable legislative enactment has been
proposed in the legislature of the state of Colorado,
relative to journalism which makes it unlawful
"for the owner, manager, editor or reporter of any
paper, or other person, to publish or cause to be
published in any newspaper, indecent or disgusting
details (whether true or not) of any crime,
vice, scandal or other matter which shall have a
tendency to corrupt private morals or to offend
common decency, or to make vice or crime seem
attractive."

This is a good law and should receive the support
of all self-respecting journals and journalists.
The conduct of the so-called "yellow" or sensational
publications are a disgrace to the legitimate profession
and it seems that the strong arm of the law
affords about the only remedy.

A newspaper should be just what its name implies,
a publication presenting reliable news of a
public and general nature, founded solely upon facts
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an electric pole and wire system upon all the streets, alleys and thoroughfares
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distributing electricity and electrical
energy for lighting, heating and power
purposes and for any and all other pur-
poses for which electricity can be used,
upon and along all the streets, alleys and
thoroughfares in the City of Tropico.

Together with the right to construct
and maintain cross-arms, conductors,
guage wires, insulators and any and all
other necessary or convenient appliances
or attachments.

Section 2. Said franchise is hereby
granted upon the terms and conditions
hereinafter contained, and said grantee
shall file with the Clerk of the said
Board of Trustees a written acceptance
thereof within thirty days after the
passage of this Ordinance.

That the pole and wire system shall
be constructed in a good and workmanlike
manner, and of good material, and that
all wires, extending over and along any
of said streets, alleys or thoroughfares
shall be placed at least twenty (20)
feet from the ground and shall be thoroughly
insulated and protected by guard
wires wherever the Board of Trustees
shall direct, and that all the
poles to be erected and maintained here-
after shall be at least eight (8) inches
in diameter at the base, and six (6)
inches in diameter at the top, and at
least twenty-five (25) feet in height
from the surface of the ground, and
shall be of good material, as aforesaid,
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tained in conformity with instructions
from the Board of Trustees.

And unless otherwise ordered, all
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poles shall not be placed nearer together
than one hundred feet, except at cross-
ings. When any of said poles or wires
shall become an obstruction to the use
of said streets, alleys or thoroughfares,
said Board of Trustees shall have the right
to order them removed at the expense
of the grantee of this franchise, or its
successors or assigns.

And in the event that said grantee,
or its successors or assigns shall fail to
comply with any instructions of said
Board of Trustees with respect to the
location, erection or maintenance of said
poles and wires, or any of them within
ten days after the service of written

WHY NOT?

One of the greatest features of the desirability of
Southern California as a resort for tourists at all
seasons of the year, is the fact that it is keeping in
this country thousands, yea, millions of dollars that
were formerly spent in foreign countries. And why
not? Here the men of affluence and ease can find
a combination of the many pleasures and comforts
that he would have to visit numerous foreign points
to enjoy, which he could not do in any one, or a
half dozen seasons for that matter.

Here is found a climate as salubrious as that of
southern Italy; scenery as grand as that of the
Alps; waters as pure and healthful as that of Carls-
bad; fishing as good as off the shores of Cape Cod;

hunting as exciting almost as that of the jungles
of Africa; entertainments as varied and interesting
as those of Coney Island; roads as smooth as those
of the Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore; society as ex-
clusive as that of the King's court or Newport; and in
fact everything that nature and man has pro-
vided for the pleasure and enjoyment of creation,
and there is no wonder that each succeeding year
finds the visitors increasing in almost countless
numbers.

Anyone who has ever spent one season in South-
ern California always wants to, and generally does
come back.

The writer saw a boy in the southern metropolis
the other day who was almost as red-haired,
freckled and ugly as he did when about that age,
and was inclined to feel sorry for the urchin.
He was certainly and object for pity, but he probably
did not realize the fact and really should not be dis-
couraged because Thomas Jefferson and Martin
Van Buren both wore auburn locks and yet they
reached the presidency. Far above the average.

Notwithstanding the fact that two weeks have
passed since the change in the national administra-
tion took place everything seems to be and remain
about normal. The sun shines just as brightly, the
wind blows as usual, without giving any account
of its nativity or divulging its destination; the milk
man calls at about the same hour (just after break-
fast); the gas meter reader looks just as wise, and
probably knows just about as much as he did before
he looked at the little robbing machine; the cook
still rules the kitchen and the little offspring in the
parlor. In fact, things go along in about the
same old way, and probably will so far as most of
us are concerned.

England has a medical bill of its own. A measure
providing for medical attendance, medicine, and
sickness-insurance has just gone into effect. By
the provisions of this bill all those earning less than
\$800 a year can have the benefits of the bill by pay-
ing to the government eight cents a week.

Every woman receives a bonus on the birth of
her child and a certain allowance during her illness.
How the entire plan was nearly wrecked by the
refusal of the doctor to participate has been told in
the cable dispatches to our newspapers. A rise in the
pay proposed brought them into line. Under
the law the doctors who place their names on the
panels, or approved Government lists of local practi-
tioners, are to receive a salary from the Govern-
ment which will not preclude them, however, from
the independent exercise of their profession.

From this you can see the tendency of the so-
called medical bills in this country—good fat jobs
for young doctor fledglings that are being turned
out by the wholesale. All such bills are prompted
by a desire to aid and assist unfortunate, but
wouldn't it be a much more effective way to render
this aid if we would strike at the root of poverty
and squalor—a more equal distribution of the
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State of California, City of Tropico. —ss.
I, S. M. Street, City Clerk of the City of
Tropico, do hereby certify that the
foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by
the Board of Trustees of the City of
Tropico, State of California, and
signed by the President of said Board
at a regular meeting thereof, held on
the 13th day of March, 1913, and that the
same was passed by the following vote,
to-wit:

Ayes: Bancroft, Conrad, Hobbs, Oliver,
Webster.
Nees: None.
Absent: None.

S. M. STREET,
City Clerk of the City of Tropico,
Mar. 19-13.

ORDINANCE NO. 55.

An Ordinance establishing grade of
Dunbarton Street in the City of
Tropico.

The Board of Trustees of the City of
Tropico do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the grade of Dunbarton
Street from the North line of Moore
Avenue to the South line of Acacia
Avenue be and same is hereby estab-
lished as that of January next preceding the date
of said Ordinance.

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Section 3. The Board of Trustees of
the City of Tropico determines that
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sent assessments of twenty-five dollars
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HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carpenter of Marysville, Cal., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wasson, 515 Acacia avenue.

Glen Wilson and son, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Wilson, 515 Acacia avenue, have returned to their home in Sacramento.

Mr. C. H. Coffman, of Covina, has moved into his new home, 124 N. San Fernando Road. Mr. Coffman expects to engage in business in Tropico.

The Rockwell Sanitarium on the corner of San Fernando Road and Park avenue, now under construction, will be a beautiful building, constructed on the lines of modern architecture and sanitation.

Dr. H. T. Wells, president of the Wells Ornamental Brick & Roof Tile Co. of Tropico, just returned from Pasadena where the company is making preparations for an elaborate display of its many designs of brick.

Mrs. Morris, 415 Gardena avenue, expects to leave this week for Big Rapids, Michigan, to attend to business matters in the "Badger" state, and will probably be gone about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Specht of Lancaster, Cal., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Nicholson, 327 Acacia avenue, on Sunday and Monday.

Geo. Sanchez, the young motorcyclist who was hurt in the collision with Mr. Bunning's automobile, of Santa Paula, on San Fernando Road on Sunday, the second of March, has been discharged from the hospital and is on the rapid road to full recovery. Mr. Sanchez's motorcycle was practically demolished in the collision.

The beautiful concrete and tile factory and office building of the Salyer Piano Co. on Park avenue near the S. P. R. R. is rapidly nearing completion and will be occupied by the company by June 1st. Tropico can well boast of having a first class piano factory, second to none on the Pacific coast.

City Attorney Baker paid S. M. Street, Tropico's popular City Clerk, a neat compliment last week. Recently Mr. Baker had occasion to visit several of the surrounding cities on municipal business, and he says that the neat and systematic way Mr. Street keeps his records is a positive pleasure as compared to the "mussed-up" condition of the average City Clerk's department.

An enjoyable dinner party was given at the home of Dr. A. M. Duncan, 307 San Fernando Road, Tuesday evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Hillman, of Tropico; and Mrs. Cecilia Canary, of Bowing Green, O.

"The Wives of Jamestown" is the title of a two reel feature at the Star Sunday. The story is of an Irish lad of humble birth who falls in love with a lady of noble birth. She encourages him, but when she accepts a man of noble birth he upbraids her for her apparent faithlessness, and leaves for America where he becomes a rich man. She learns too late that she loved him, and after suffering many vicissitudes she is finally sent with others to be sold as wives to the Jamestown colonists. She fails to recognize him, but he recognizes and buys her and—well, love claims its own.

Mrs. Annie Lily, 521 Gardena avenue, claims to be the champion gardener of the San Fernando Valley. Mrs. Lily makes the statement that she has discovered means by which she can grow beans at the rate of two inches a day, and is willing to meet any amateur gardener of the valley in a championship contest.

The You and I Club met last Friday at the home of Mrs. Chas. H. Phillips, 335 San Fernando Road. The ladies belonging to this club are Mrs. B. T. Greenwell, Mrs. J. W. Ashton, Mrs. M. G. Coughland, Mrs. J. T. Cawthorn, Mrs. Wayland Chapman, Mrs. Wayland Brown, Mrs. H. M. Findley, Mrs. N. W. Ludden, Mrs. U. J. Van Etten, Mrs. H. Edgar Fry and Mrs. Chas. H. Phillips.

Last Monday the Tropico Boy Scouts of America had rather an exciting experience. Arrangements had been made for them to be in a moving picture film made by the Universal Film Co. The boys, some twelve in number, had agreed to the ranch and the scene was laid for the proposed act, which was to be the rescue of a sheriff from a band of outlaws. All went well until one of the boys in kicking out a signal fire, kicked some live coals into a brush heap and a mountain fire was started. It required the united efforts of the boys and the aid of several hundred men to extinguish the conflagration. No

DO YOU WANT A DOLLAR?

It is yours for the asking. There is an advertiser in this issue of the Sentinel who has a dollar for you. All that it is necessary for you to make it your own is for you to read the ad, walk in and say "Give me my dollar." If you are the first one to ask the dollar of the right advertiser it will be given you.

Who gets the dollar?

Some one is going to get the \$3 for the best article on "Why You Live In Tropico." Will it be you? Time is up April 1st.

Nothing less than a 12,000 bird show at San Francisco in 1915 will meet with the expectations of this department and the leaders in poultry husbandry in this country. A futurity, a national laying contest that will reach its termination at San Francisco, and a truly international show are among the features that will attract attention. Extensive plans are being made by fanciers all over the world to be represented.

Miss Mable Evans, 619 Central avenue, entertained a dinner and serving party Monday. The guests included Miss Katherine Hobbs, Miss Stella Miller, Miss Luella Moore, Miss Blanche Shea, Miss Dorothy Hobbs, Miss Elise Vance, and Miss Mary Jane Evans.

Miss Wayland Brown, 347 Gardena avenue, is going north on Wednesday, to spend a week visiting friends in Alameda.

Miss Frances St. John was entertained Friday evening at the home of Mrs. C. M. Scott, 315 Glendale avenue.

Mr. Horace E. Letten and Miss Marjorie Stevens were married Monday evening by Rev. Henry Goodsell. The wedding was a quite affair, only the near relatives of the contracting pair being present. The young couple will make their home at 724 Moore avenue.

Some of the citizens are complaining about the carelessness and recklessness with which motorcycle riders are running through the streets of Tropico in utter disregard for the safety of pedestrians. It is stated that some special motorcycle cops from the surrounding municipalities take advantage of their official position to exceed the speed limit and recklessly run through the streets. As a matter of fact these have no more right to violate the law than any other person.

The Tropico Methodist church people are making preparations to erect a new church building on their two lots at the corner of Central and Tropico avenues. Work will commence in the near future and the building will be attractive as the receipts will justify. Rev. Henry Goodsell, chairman of the building committee, says he believes that the people of Tropico desire a building that will be a credit to the city and that the contributions will be liberal. It is desired to put up a building costing about \$10,000.

When anyone comes to your town grasp him by the hand and tell him what bright prospects the town has. Don't stand around like a lot of dressed up dummies before a clothing store and wear long faces, with gloomy looks that see only the dark side of things. Above all, don't go whining around and make a shadow on the bluest sky. If you really have not the heart to speak a cheery word or lend your influence in behalf of your town, for mercy sake hide yourself when strangers come to visit us.

This year every citizen should take a deep interest in the welfare of the city. If you sincerely believe that conditions are prevalent that need changing, don't be afraid to start something. This year the very best effort that is in every citizen should assert itself to the end that this town's advancement is sure and safe. The fellow who kicks is often the man who does his community the real service. There is a difference between a grouch and a good healthy kicker.

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Mrs. M. M. Barnes, 112 Walnut St., Tropico, will receive young ladies for private lessons in Fancy Needle Work on Saturdays from 3 to 6 p. m.

FOR SALE—Twelve laying hens; 7 R. I. Red pullets and 5 White Leghorns. The lot, for ten dollars. 621 E. Acacia St., Tropico.

WANTED—Horses, wagons, buggies and harness. 109 N. San Fernando Road. Phone Sunset 826. J. H. Adair.

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Going to build? Don't worry, but see C. B. Cunningham about it and have it done right. 1222 Chestnut street. Phones: 251-J Sunset, and 117 Home.

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IN THE LAND OF NIPPON.

Dear Readers of the Sentinel: I have just finished a half mile walk, which means five times around the promenade deck. We have now been on water for over a week but the days slip by very quickly and last week was one day short. We had Monday the 17th and next morning when we got up it was Wednesday the 19th which meant that we had crossed the 180th meridian. To make up for this our days are from twenty to thirty minutes longer than yours. There is not much to say of our visit to Honolulu as there was not much to learn from there as it was still United States territory, and shows the effects; and its name, "Paradise of the Pacific," is very appropriate.

But Japan will be so different, we have had two evening lectures on it with lantern slides, and Miss Hazel Bardin and I have been reading up on Japan and the Japanese.

Night before last we had a musical contest. Mrs. Read, our social director, read the little story and at pauses home music was played that filled in the blanks of the story and we had to guess these and write it down. The Hamburg-American line gave pretty prizes to the winners. They have given very nice prizes for the card parties also. Every possible thing is done for the comfort of the passengers, but even so I think I prefer to travel independent next time. But I am by no means complaining, for everything is lovely.

We had our first real excitement a few days ago when a widow and widower announced their engagement after knowing each other about four days—and during that time had been together most of the time.

One of the ladies at our table, a Mrs. Gregory of Milwaukee, is a friend of Mrs. McCann, our Friday Morning Club president of Los Angeles.

Well, we are finding Japan very interesting. We landed Monday, Feb. 24th, and had a ride about the city of Yokohama in two wheeled carriages called "jinrikishaws," which are wheeled about by men. It is certainly a queer sensation but we are getting used to it now so that we don't feel so conspicuous.

Monday evening we attended the play house here and there met Mr. Shepard of S. S. Newport, who is the company's agent here in Yokohama. He seemed very glad to see us and he entertained at the hotel to a very well appointed dinner this evening and we exchanged news about all our mutual friends on the trip to Panama last summer.

We have been away from the boat three days at Tokio and Nikko, and today at Kamakura. It is all very picturesque. We have had several fine views of Fiyayama, the famous mountain, and the many pictures one sees of this mountain in no way exaggerate its beauty. We have seen many of the Buddhist temples which date way back in the sixteen hundreds, and they are great works of art. We saw the immense image of Buddha. At Nikko we saw the geisha girls give several Japanese dances. Some of them were only eight or nine years old, but had been very well trained.

It has been very cold all the time but it has been clear weather except the first couple of days when we had quite a bit of snow in Tokio.

It was very cold in the flowery kingdom even snowing part of the time at Nagasaki. I haven't written many postals as yet for these days have been so full they seem like months, but they have such pretty cards here. I will try to remember all my friends between ports if the boat is not too rocky so it is impossible to write. With best regards to all.

Eulalia Richardson.

A cable from Tsingtan, China, states the Cleveland arrived March 12th and left for Hong Kong.

Stay ashore was a most enjoyable one, weather delightful.

HEADLINERS AGAIN

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rebel against the President who had been able to win over any regulars to his standard.

Toward the end of Porfirio Diaz's regime, when disorder was rife all over the republic and tenure of office under the tottering government becoming more and more precarious, Felix Diaz was made governor of his native state of Oaxaca. When he started out for his post he found no train to carry him to the City of Oaxaca—everywhere the rails had been torn up by marauding rebels.

But that didn't keep the new governor back. With only half a dozen companions he took horse and rode straight to Oaxaca.

When he arrived, a mob composed of thousands of rough characters, all the scum of the lower classes, was surging through the streets howling

"Death to Felix Diaz!" News of the appointment of Porfirio Diaz as governor had preceded him.

Nobody recognized him as he rode along with his little band. Escape would have been easy. But Diaz spurred his horse straight into the midst of the howling mob.

"I am Felix Diaz," he said, "what do you want of me?"

They fell back, swayed irresolutely. Then off came every hat and from every throat went up a yell of "Long live Felix Diaz!"

He acknowledged the cheer with a curt nod.

"Now go home," he ordered. They did. Such is Felix Diaz.

Will he be given an opportunity to save his blood strewn, battle-torn country?

Quien sabe.

A SHOWER OF EATS.

Last Saturday night a delightful shower was given for Miss Pearl Goode at the home of her chum, Miss Emily Elias. The guest on entering found themselves in a perfect garden, so complete had the rooms been transformed by pepper bouquets and fruit blossoms.

The rooms were dimly lit by festoons of Japanese lanterns. After various games and music had been enjoyed the hostess announced that Miss Goode, the bride-elect was not the only one for whom a home had been prepared but that for each guest present, there was here in the bouquets a home prepared by the birdies. The guest on searching found tiny nests filled with candy eggs, deep among the bouquets. Miss Goode discovered a larger nest than the rest and which to her delight proved to be not candy eggs, but a nest full of "eats" for her cupboard.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The county track meet was held Saturday at Pasadena. The High School having three men who made places, Hosen Brown winning first places in the 220-yard and 440-yard dashes. Frank Lytell placing third in the high hurdles, and Hasty Bidwell winning the ball-throw a distance of 306 feet.

The tennis match was played between South Pasadena and the High School, this making our fourth victory over this school, having already won basketball, track and baseball.

The Seniors will give on Friday evening, the 28th, a vaudeville show. They have secured a comedian that has been on the Orpheum circuit, Miss Margaret McKee, a whistler, and a trombone quartet.

The Junior Class of the High School gave a supper to the baseball nine of their class, over at Griffith Park Friday evening. They were taken to and from by a large hay rack. The evening was spent in playing games and toasting marshmallows over the coals of a large fire.

The spring vacation is now here and every one is taking a little rest cure so as to be ready for the examination which will take place shortly after this recess.

Mr. Darsey, a teacher of the High School, who was seriously injured a week ago, at the South Pasadena track meet, is recovered and will be ready for school again after the spring vacation.

THE RAY OF INCALS.

By Perez Field.

This year Easter and the beginning of spring very nearly coincide. Easter comes on March 23. Spring for Los Angeles begins on March 20 at 9 hours and 25 minutes P. M. That is to say the sun, at that precise moment of Los Angeles time, enters the zodiacal sign Aries, or in other words, the Earth, in its orbit, crosses the celestial equator, and day and night are equal.

Here, in our northern hemisphere, for the coming three months, the days will grow longer; the nights will grow shorter; verdure, the symbol of long days, will creep over the fields of snow, the symbols of long nights, till, at the climax of the season, at the North Pole, night will cease to be for a space.

What is this beginning of spring? Among Pagan and Christian alike, some fete has celebrated these March days. As the snowflakes in the north melt, lilies bloom in the south. What is this rejuvenescence of nature?—a mere warming of seas and skies and hills—or an episode in the currents of more significant affairs.

It is the belief of the astrologer that the tilting of planets and the movements of the rising and setting stars indicate paths of wisdom—open roads to freedom and good fortune.

Spring begins, as we have said, on Thursday next at 9 hours and 25 minutes P. M. This is marked by the precession of the equinox, a slow westward movement of the celestial equator along the ecliptic. This movement is 50".2 a year.

It takes the sun about twenty minutes of time to pass over this space. This transit of the sun

marks the beginning of the tropical year. For this reason, if for no other, the citizens of the city of Tropico should feel a personal interest in the event. The beginning of the tropical year should be a propitious time for a city endowed with so fertile a name as Tropico. It is the pleasant mission of the Sentinel to present a happy augury.

According to ancient Chaldean astrology, there is a ray of light which proceeds from God, the Father. This ray of light gives sustenance to the Spirit of man. It penetrates the earth, filling it with a pure breath. It uplifts the whole world. This ray of light is called the Ray of Incals. Its light is withheld from no man. It sustains his spirit for the coming year, for this ray of Incals comes to earth in all its purity only at the time when the sun transits the precession of the Equinox each tropical year. Therefore, on Thursday, here in Tropico from a certain hour with the ray of Incals, come to those who are prepared to receive it. In just such proportion as each man absorbs this ray of light into his being will his spirit gain strength and power for the coming tropical year which then begins. Every one so disposed should at this time, during these 20 minutes, hold himself in silence, being at peace. Then shall he cloak himself in majesty. He may not be gainsaid.

Owing, however, to the intervention of the spheres of earth, of the astral planes, and to the vibrations of matter, the precise moments of this transit are deferred about 29 minutes. If we add, therefore, 29 minutes to the time of the transit of the ray of Incals by the sun, as calculated in the Nautical Almanac published at Washington, we get approximately 10 P. M. for the actual penetration of the ray of Incals, into earth. From this we take 20 minutes which gives us the hour from 9 hours 40 minutes to 10 P. M. as the time when this momentous occasion occurs for this locality. This is also the time when the spirits of little children are drawn to earth to wait the preparation of the bodies which shall receive them during the year.

Hence earth decks itself in full array of bloom, of anemone and violet and "cups of gold" as a prenatal welcome to all little children whom mothers need. On this fine breath, clothed in this pure light, infant spirits come and await the opening of the door of Life. Well may men unite at this same hour to chant with nature some alluring lullaby, a harmonious welcome to our unbom friends. In a large sense men may then shape their opportunity, seeking a co-operation that is divine, both in civic and national affairs. It is a day of great foundations. It is an unrivaled hour.

Among the ancient Egyptians the symbol of this ray of Incals was an oblong rectangle surrounded by seven vertical lines. The whole figure somewhat resembling a comb lying on its back. Modern students call this symbol "men." In the cartouche of the first King of Egypt in our list of dynasties this symbol appears, indicating that the first King of Egypt called, Mena, was in touch with God the Father. This matter has a timely interest from the fact that at the present moment excavations are being carried on within the head of the Sphinx, uncovering a Temple therein, built by Mena, the first King.

This ray of Incals has a further significance in that it has the power of wiping out the ignorance of the past year. It frees man from his blunders. The unconscious atoms of matter cannot hold him after the passage of the ray of Incals unless he of his own choice renew his allegiance to the burdens which matter may impose upon his deformed ambitions.

Such is the reasonableness of the stars.

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The Root
of Evil

By THOMAS DIXON

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"Can't you stop this pain?" the flincher gasped in anger. "What are you here for? Am I not able to buy enough morphine to stop this hellish agony?"

His family doctor bent and said:

"Your heart action is too low just now, Mr. Bivens, you can't stand it."

"Well, I can't stand this! Give it to me, I tell you!"

The doctor took a hypodermic syringe, filled it with water and injected it into his arm.

While Stuart was holding the pitiful trick, his eye wandered over the magnificent trappings of the room.

"What irony of fate!" he exclaimed, under his breath.

The sufferer stared and beckoned to Stuart.

Handing him a key which he drew from beneath his pillow he cried:

"Unlock the right hand top drawer of that safe, Jim—the door is open. Hand me those bundles of stocks and bonds and call those doctors."

Stuart complied with his request and Bivens spread the brilliantly colored papers on the white covering of his bed, while the doctors drew near.

"Listen now, gentlemen," he began, still gasping with pain. "You're our greatest living doctors, I'm told. Well, I'm not willing to die, I won't die—do you hear? I'm only forty-nine years old. You see here thirty millions in gilt edged stocks and bonds. Well,

they're three of you. I'll give you ten millions each to take this stone off of my breast that's smothering me and give me five years more of life."

The three men of science stood with folded, helpless arms and made no effort to keep back the tears. They had seen many men die. It was nothing new—and yet the pity and pathos of this strange appeal found their way to the soul of each. They never envied a millionaire again.

They retired for another consultation. Stuart replaced the papers and gave the key to Bivens.

"Ask Nan to come here a minute," he said feebly.

Stuart walked to the door and whispered to a servant. When he returned to the bedside the dying man looked up into his face gratefully.

"You don't know how it helps me to have you near, Jim, old boy. I'm lonely. Nan I guess is ill and broken down. I've lavished millions on her. I've given her all I possess in my will, but somehow we never found happiness. If I could only have been sure of the deep, sweet, unselfish love of one human soul on this earth! If I could only have won a girl's heart when I was poor. But I was rich, and I've always wondered whether she really loved me for my own sake. At least I've always thanked God for you. You've been a real friend. Our hearts were young together and you stood by me when—I was—poor."

An hour later when the covering was turned back from the dead body Stuart saw that the smooth little cold hand had gripped the key to his treasures in a last instinctive grasp.

He looked again at the lump of cold clay and wondered what was passing in the soul of the woman who was now the heir of all his millions.

Why had she shown such strange and abject terror over his death—an event she had foreseen and desired?

A horrible suspicion suddenly flashed through his mind. He determined to know at once.

As he had feared, Nan refused point blank to enter the death chamber and asked him to come to her boudoir.

He found her standing by a window, apparently calm. Stuart looked at her a moment with a curious detached interest. Suddenly aware of his presence she turned.

"At last at last!" she cried in low broken accents. "Oh, dear God, how long I've waited and despaired! At last we may belong to each other for

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Strangers no longer live in the cottage Stuart built on the hills. A jaunty sailboat nods at the buoy near the water's edge. The drone of bees from the fruit trees in full bloom on the terraces promise a bountiful harvest in the summer and fall. The lawn is a wilderness of flowers and shimmering green. The climbing roses on the southeastern side of the house have covered it to the very eaves of the roof. Stuart has just cut them away from Harriet's window because they interfered with her view of the bay and sea and towering hills they love so well. And the crooning of a little mother over a baby's cradle fills the home with music sweeter to its bittersweet opera.

THE END.

ever—body and soul! Nothing else matters now, does it? We shall forget all the blank hideous years; you'll forget it, won't you, dearest? You'll forgive me—now—say that you will?"

"I've long ago forgiven, Nan, but tell me about this sudden attack. You were with him when he was stricken?"

"Yes, I took the nurse's place at midnight; I couldn't sleep."

"How long did you stay with him?"

"And you gave him the medicine in the absence of the nurse?"

"Only, 'one,' she answered, hesitatingly, "a particular kind the doctor had not prescribed, but which he asked for to relieve his pain."

"He asked you for medicine, Nan?" he went on remorselessly. "A poison powder—and you gave him one?"

"Yes."

"And you're sure you gave him but one?"

"He was begging for two—I might have given them both—it's possible, of course."